

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY	DOCKET NOS. RN-03-4 WRU-03-60-150
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ORDER APPROVING CUSTOMER NOTICE AND GRANTING WAIVER

(Issued September 17, 2003)

On September 16, 2003, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request for approval of a proposed customer notification, identified as RN-03-4, for its proposed alternate energy purchase program pursuant to 199 IAC 15.17(2)"b"(2). IPL also filed a request for waiver, identified as Docket No. WRU-03-60-150, of the portion of 199 IAC 15.17(2) that requires the proposed customer notice be filed with the Board "30 days prior to the proposed date of issuance." IPL stated in its filing that the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice has no objection to the customer notice. The Board understands that IPL could not file its proposed notice at an earlier date because, among other things, some of the required information was unavailable.

In support of its request for waiver, IPL said it needs to begin distributing the customer notice as a billing insert with its October billing cycle so that IPL can comply with 199 IAC 15.17(2), which requires customer notification be completed 60 days prior to the January 1, 2004, program start date. To meet the time standard contained in the rule, IPL needs Board approval of the notice by September 18,

2003, to accommodate printing and distribution of the notice with the September 26 billing cycle.

The Board will grant the waiver. Notifying customers of the program by bill insert is substantially less expensive than a separate notice. There is no substantial benefit to customers in requiring a separate notice of this voluntary program, particularly because notification costs are paid by participating customers. The standards contained in 199 IAC 1.3 for a waiver have been met.

The Board will also approve the customer notice. The customer notification substantially complies with the requirements of 199 IAC 15.17(2).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1, The proposed customer notification filed by Interstate Power and Light Company on September 16, 2003, is approved.

2. The request for waiver of 199 IAC 15.17(2) filed by Interstate Power and Light Company on September 16, 2003, is granted to the extent discussed in this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 17th day of September, 2003.